Considering Software Supply Chain Risks©

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1. https://buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov/adm-bsi/1185-BSI.html